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14 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DFD

SUBJECT : Weather Personnel for OXCART

1. Estimated personnel requirements for on-site meteorological support of OXCART are as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>AFSC</u>	<u>Date</u>
Major	2546	March 1961
Major	2524	August 1961
T/Sgt	25271	August 1961
S/Sgt	25251	August 1961
A/IC	25251	August 1961
Capt	2524	February 1962
A/IC	25251	February 1962
A/IC	25251	February 1962

2. The first to arrive will be the senior weather officer who will later be in charge of the weather detachment. He will serve as staff meteorologist to the local project commander. His first efforts will be directed toward gathering information, acquainting himself with the meteorological factors pertaining to the program, establishing a weather station, and monitoring local weather.

3. When the test flights begin in August 1961, one additional officer and three airmen will be required. At this time, weather support functions will be expanded to include: briefing pilots of flights departing [REDACTED] briefing the commander, operations personnel and pilots on test flight weather; observing and recording local weather conditions, forecasting local weather; maintaining a net-watch over local and alternate bases while test flights are airborne; debriefing pilots of test flights; and making studies of the effects of meteorological factors upon the mission capabilities of the vehicle.

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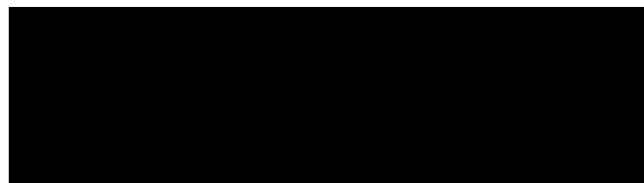
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4. By the time training flights begin in February 1962, one more officer and at least one more airman will be required for the increase in workload associated with the increase in flying activity.

5. My estimate of the number of airmen required is intended to be on the conservative side because I have been assured by Lt. Colonel Gaertner that Air Weather Service can provide additional airmen on relatively short notice, if they are required.



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